



Short/Active Risk Assessment Weather

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Location	Among The Trees		
Date	11.06.21	Time	1350
Reason for RA	Variety of weather that may have an impact on learners and leaders at Forest School. - Cold weather - Hot weather - Wet weather [including heavy rain, hail, snow and lightning]		

Who is affected?		Details
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leader / Staff	Operating in poor weather at Forest School.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Learner	Learning in poor weather at Forest School.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others	

Description of risk/hazard	Severity (1-5)	Likelihood (1-5)	Risk Factor S x L =	Risk before precautions have been taken
Cold and/or wet [hypothermia]	4	3	12	Acceptable / Medium / Low
Heat Stroke	4	3	12	Acceptable / Medium / Low
Dehydration	4	4	16	Acceptable / Medium / Low
Lightning Strike	5	2	10	Acceptable / Medium / Low
Sunburn	4	4	16	Acceptable / Medium / Low
HI or injury from falling debris.	4	3	12	Acceptable / Medium / Low

Low 1-3	Acceptable 11-18 (improve if possible)
Normal 4-10	Unacceptable (19+ further action needed)

Recommended precautions in place	Risk AFTER Precautions
Written and verbal advice on appropriate clothing to wear.	Acceptable / Medium / Low
No Forest School during high winds or lightning storms	Acceptable / Medium / Low
Wearing appropriate seasonal clothing and PPE including headwear.	Acceptable / Medium / Low
Having plenty of water available to drink ensuring good hydration.	Acceptable / Medium / Low
Application of sunscreen	Acceptable / Medium / Low
Following site RA and observation of local weather forecast.	Acceptable / Medium / Low

Assessed by	MC	Signature 
Position	FS Leader	
Date	11.06.21	



Risk Benefit Analysis of Being Outdoors In Weather

Spending time in the outdoors in all kinds of weathers and a variety of seasons affords learners opportunities to build resilience and confidence operating in weather they might encounter in every day life (see Life Links below)

Learners gain skills in how to keep dry, how to operate in challenging conditions, learning how to dress appropriately for the seasons and conditions while being able to participate in activities and complete tasks in a natural environment.

Specific Benefits From Being Outdoors In Weather

Increased emotional intelligence	Self esteem and confidence	Resilience and grit	Holistic development	Individualised learning outcomes	Communication skills
Logical thinking	Problem solving	Outdoor connection	Responsible resource use	Practical skills	Learning safe practices
Being creative	Self-awareness	Risk management	Awareness of others	Observing the natural world.	

Life Links Through Making Being Outdoors In Weather

Choosing the correct clothing for the weather / season.

Observing what is going on around you with regards to weather.

Operating safely in adverse conditions.

Keeping active despite the weather.

Developing resilience in the face of challenging circumstances.

Making decisions on whether it is safe to go outdoors.